



St. Luke's Church
Blue Ridge
(Episcopal / Anglican)



The Parish Church of the Mountains

Our doors are open.
Visitors are
very welcomed.

WHO WE ARE

As Anglicans, we are part of the third largest family of Christians in the world. Ours is a faith that is ancient, Biblical, relevant and gracious. What you will encounter at St. Luke's:

- Traditional Anglican liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, a form of worship grounded in something more than 'what's happening now' yet alive.
- Robust Biblical preaching and teaching designed to challenge, encourage and equip.
- Warm fellowship, a family to which to belong,

Whatever your religious background, whether you come as a convinced believer or as a seeker, you are most welcome at our services or to enjoy the oasis of quiet and peace found within the church or in the churchyard during non-service times.

WHAT TO SEE



Te Deum Window

STAINED GLASS. Windows are designed to take you on a chronological journey through the life of Christ. The journey begins with the window nearest the pulpit in the nave (main body of the church). This window is of the Annunciation: the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of the Christ. Continuing toward the rear of the church, scenes include: Jesus' birth, the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, Jesus in the

Temple at age 12 and Jesus' baptism at the hand of St. John the Baptist in the River Jordan. Crossing to the other side of the nave and going forward, scenes depicted are: Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus, Jesus at the home of Mary and Martha in Bethany, the crucifixion, the empty tomb on Easter morning and Jesus breaking breads with those He joined on the road to Emmaus. The journey ends over the altar in the east end with the Te Deum window. Here the mighty re-ascended Christ is pictured standing, with clouds under His feet, on the round world. His kingly and priestly offices are depicted in this window. At the bottom is a banner reading "Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ."



Royal Coat of Arms

NEEDLEPOINT. Members of the Needlepoint Guild, under the direction of Mr. Lowell Jacks, one of the South's leading authorities on needlepoint design, have given the church an impressive array of handcrafted altar and pew kneelers, seat covers and hatchments. The guild, which continues active, has been at work for over 10 years. Designs were hand-drawn by Mr. Jacks. The Royal Crest hangs over the bishop's chair in the sanctuary, near the high altar. Most recently completed have been chairs featuring symbols of British saints located in the side chapel in the north transept.



Boss of the Four Living Creatures

CARVING. Designed and executed by Aiden Hart of Shropshire, England, the ceiling boss at the centre of the crossing over the choir, is based on the ivory cover of an 11th century Evangelary, a book of the Gospels. It depicts the symbols of the four Evangelists (Gospel writers).



Richard Hooker Wilmer Cross

CROSS. The processional cross attached to the choir stalls is associated with Richard Hooker Wilmer, the only Bishop to be consecrated in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America during the War Between the States. The Rev. Mr. Wilmer was elected Bishop of Alabama in 1863 while serving as Rector of Emmanuel Church, Brook Hill, Virginia. The cross was crafted in New Jersey in the late 1850. Members of the Brook Hill congregation sent it to Alabama for Bishop Wilmer's work there.

HOW TO FIND US

St. Luke's is located near the Blue Ridge city centre at 7 Ewing Street, across from the Blue Ridge Kiwanis Club Fairgrounds and Community Centre. Follow directional signs beginning at East First Street and Church Street. Coordinates are: 34°51'48.4"N 84°19'12.5"W, 34.863437, -84.320150.

CHURCHYARD

The graves of a number of early settlers are located in the churchyard. Of particular interest is a stonewall enclosure containing the graves of the Witzel family. At the turn of the 20th century, the Witzels were the largest landowners in Fannin County. They operated a hotel and dry goods store near where the Blue Ridge City Hall now stands. The elder Witzel served in the Georgia General Assembly. Also behind the church are an herb garden and a memorial garden.

*For the Life and Mission of the Church here
and throughout the World.*

Almighty God, whose hand hast guided and sustained thy Church throughout many generations; Accept our praise for this parish church; Bless all who serve within its walls, and strengthen the hands of those who seek to assure its future; Make it a constant witness to thy glory, and a place of peace and joy for the sake of thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OPENING TIMES FOR VISITORS

The church is open most days
from 07.30 to 17.00

Visitors are welcomed throughout
the year. Guided tours for groups
are available upon request by
contacting the church office.

SERVICES

Sunday

08.15 Holy Communion (said)

10.00 Morning Prayer and
Sermon OR

Holy Communion (choral)

(HC on 1st and 5th Sundays and
principal Holy Days)

Monday to Friday

07.30 Morning Prayer

(Held in the Chapel of British Saints)

12.00 Holy Communion,
Most Prayer Book Holy Days

Facilities

A limited number of handicapped
parking places are provided.

Wheelchair access
is available.

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